

Junior Lonnae Young was a psychology major at Northwest. Young was a residential assistant for second floor Dieterich and also a member of Sigma Society.

Remembering Lonnae Young

Northwest community mourns the death of a student

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Members of the Northwest community packed into the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom Feb. 18. Extra chairs were dragged in and the room was filled to capacity, every-

one gathered together to remember junior Lonnae Young, known as Nae by her friends and family. Crying and sniffling could be

heard throughout the ballroom, boxes of tissues were passed around as people retold their favorite memories of Young. Between the numerous technical difficulties and funny stories about Young, attendees were often shaken from their tearful moments by rounds of laughter.

Young was a psychology major from Lee's Summit, Missouri. She was involved on campus as a residential assistant on the second floor of Dieterich Hall and was a member of Sigma Society.

Marie Dawson, Young's mother, emphasized how involved Young was and how much she loved it.

"She was an R.A. for one of the residence halls," Dawson said. "She absolutely loved her job and dedicated summers working with a program



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Members of the Northwest community gathered Feb. 18, for a vigil in remembrance of junior Lonnae Young.

called Upward Bound that provided an opportunity to lower income kids. She was very involved in her academics and social life."

Senior Tessa Ballam spoke at Young's memorial, reading a letter she had written to her. Ballam recounted her last encounter with Young during her tearful speech.

"I remember seeing you more and more in the library the past couple of weeks, and the last time I saw you, you were reading your Bible," Ballam said. "You had your Bible out and your journal out on a table. I remember being so encouraged be-

cause you shared with me how you had just finished reading the book of Romans and how you were trying to live your life for Christ and pursue him daily."

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Maryville to add Pocket Park, mural

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Maryville is looking to add to and improve downtown with the building of a park in the heart of downtown.

Maryville Downtown Improvement Organization President Stephanie Campbell said the committee is planning its goals for 2019. One of the official plans for this year is the Pocket Park. The planning of the park has been in effect for the past year and a half. The park will be on the northwest corner of Third Street and South Main Street.

"There will be artwork components of the park along the wall of the building located on Third and Main Street, the Blue Willow building," Campbell said.

MDIO is collaborating with the Maryville Public Art Committee to determine what design to in-



MADI GLASS I NW MISSOURIAN The cityscape is changing with the proposal of a new mural on the side of Blue

corporate on the Blue Willow wall

Willow Boutique.

for the park.

MDIO is accepting art submission designs that could potentially

go on the wall.

MPAC President Mark Hendrix has an idea of what the mural will look like.

"It (the mural) will say 'Maryville' and the 'y' will be faded in the background with a heart,' Hendrix said. "The idea is you will stand in the middle where the 'y' is supposed to be and you would make the 'y.' That makes you part of Maryville."

The MDIO and MPAC are going through a mural selection process to see the different ideas other people have to offer for the mural.

"We are looking for people from the community. We are looking for Northwest students and high schoolers – anyone who has a passion for art to come and make the design as well as execute the process," Hendrix said. "If you want to leave your mark on the town of Maryville, this is a pretty cool way you could do that."

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Leader in shift to electronic campus dies at 77

Jon Todd Rickman, 77, was born June 8, 1941, in Maryville, Missouri, to Clement and Genevieve (Todd) Rickman. He died Feb. 14, 2019, at his home in Maryville.

Jon Rickman spent 36 years as an assistant professor and vice president of information systems at Northwest. His teaching was focused on technology.

Jon Rickman worked with Northwest Presidents Robert Foster, B.D. Owens and Dean Hubbard to make Northwest an electronic campus. The task was accomplished in 1987, making Northwest the first public university to be an electron-

Jon Rickman also helped develop the Jean Jennings Bartik Museum at Northwest. He was also a founder of MOREnet, which serves Missouri's public schools. Jon Rickman spread his knowledge through speaking at conventions and creating written content. He retired from Northwest Dec. 31, 2011.

Jon Rickman was 18 months old when his family moved to Florida, where they lived until moving to Warrensburg, Missouri, when he was 8-years-old.

Jon Rickman is a graduate of College High in Warrensburg. He earned his Bachelor of Science in math, physics and industrial arts and Master of Science degree in physics from the University of Central Missouri in 1963 and 1964. He proceeded to achieve a Doctorate degree from Washington State University in 1972.

SEE RICKMAN | A5

Black history celebrations canceled

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Northwest celebrates Black History Month every February by hosting various events that educate others on African American culture.

The national theme for Black History Month this year is the Black Migration.

Over the past week, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion office has held events such as the Northwest Symphony Orchestra with Violinist Richmond Punch and The Great Debaters movie and discussion.

The annual Soul Food Dinner that was supposed to take place last Saturday, was canceled due to inclement weather conditions. The Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Justin Mallett said it will not be rescheduled.

The purpose of having Punch perform with the Northwest Symphony was to show diversity within other aspects of Black History. The symphony played Afro-American music by William Grant Still, which was purchased by DEI.

Former Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Juanita Simmons said she wished everyone could have experienced Punch's performance with the Northwest Orchestra.

"It would've been probably a great experience for all of the community, for campus, for students," Simmons said.

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PALMS SUSPECT GUILTY Award

Alex Catterson convicted of Class B Felony

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The State of Missouri v. Alex Catterson trial came to an end Feb. 16 as the judge read aloud the jury's unanimous verdict of guilty under Missouri Instruction No. 5 DWI death of another, not a passenger.

Defense attorney Samuel Scroggie reached over to pat Catterson, 22, on the back, covered with a blue and white plaid button up. The gallery, full of friends and family for both sides, sat emotionless as Circuit Judge Roger Prokes finished reading the verdict.

Catterson was found guilty over the course of a six-day trial for driving with a blood alcohol level of .235 and wrecking his black half-ton truck into The Palms, killing Northwest sophomore Morgan McCoy Jan. 7, 2018.

Catterson's bond was increased to \$150,000 and he was taken into custody following the end of the trial. His sentencing will be held at 1:30 p.m. April 19.

Prosecuting Attorney Robert Rice said the court ordered the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole to prepare a sentencing assessment report which is one of the reasons why there is a two month period between the guilty verdict and sentencing.

"A little bit is just logistics of coordinating multiple schedules," Rice said. "The other part of it is the additional work that needs to be done for the court to have the information that he needs to render a just and appropriate sentence on this case."

Rice and Special Prosecuting Attorney Stephanie Watson called 33 witnesses to the stand to testify throughout the trial. Thirteen of them were Northwest students, two worked for The Pub, one was the owner of Burny's and the remaining 17 were law enforcement and medical personnel.

Scroggie called two witnesses to testify - a local mechanic and

Several pieces of evidence were shown to the jury, consisting mainly of body camera and dash camera footage from law enforcement and medical, pictures and written reports.

Scroggie argued that Catterson was not guilty of a DWI death of another, not a passenger because the accident was not Catterson's



JOSEPH ANDREWS | NW MISSOURIAN

A Nodaway County Sheriff's deputy escorts Alex Catterson from the Nodaway County Courthouse to the Nodaway County Sheriff's office Feb. 16.

fault - he experienced a vehicular malfunction and the road conditions were wet.

Scroggie said it was "dumb luck" that the malfunction happened when it did and that it could have happened anywhere at any time.

He went on to address Catterson's intoxication and said that he was indeed intoxicated and that it would be ridiculous to try and claim that he wasn't, but that regardless the crash would have occurred.

"The real issue is, did Mr. Catterson even have the ability to operate his vehicle (after the malfunction)," Scroggie said. "The an-

swer is no." Scroogie's second witness Accident Reconstructionist and Engineer Phil Buckley was the only witness out of 35 to testify that road conditions the night of the crash were not dry.

During day five of the trial, Scroggie grabbed a medium-sized cardboard box and placed it in front of Buckley. Buckley opened the box and revealed Catterson's broken tie rods.

Buckley testified the tie rods could not have broken on impact with The Palms and must have broken before the impact, resulting in the vehicular malfunction causing Catterson to crash.

Buckley and Scroggie hurriedly packed the tie rods back into the

cardboard box as Watson waited to cross-examine Buckley.

In the cross-examination, Watson asked Buckley if he could rule out that the tie rods were bent or broken in the crash and Watson replied with a hesitant no and said: "that would misstate my testimony though."

With his entire defense on the line, Scroggie tapped his yellow highlighter against the table, leaving it standing and flipped through his yellow legal pad with scribbled notes. The jury deliberated for about two and a half hours before rendering Catterson guilty.

"The broken the tie rod did not cause the crash, the drunk did and that's why he's guilty," Rice said.

Conception

Abbey

carries on legacy of staff member

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Northwest dedicated a new scholarship in honor of a faculty member who died in November.

The family of Joyce Luke established a scholarship in remembrance of her and her impact on students in the education department. The award is a \$500 scholarship for the 2019-20 academic year. Cash gifts of more than \$10,000 helped fund the newly endowed Joyce Luke Education Scholarship, according to a University news release.

Joyce Luke was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 29. She could not have children of her own and chose to help students at Northwest be successful in the pursuit of teaching. Joyce Luke was known for helping place Bearcats in schools as student teachers.

Mike Luke, Joyce Luke's brother, spoke to her impact on Northwest students.

"When she was in the hospital, we had a tremendous amount of messages from previous students she helped place thanking her for going above and beyond and taking the time to help them," Mike Luke said. "We just knew we needed to keep helping kids in her name."

Joyce Luke earned her bachelor's degree in public relations from Northwest in 1990. She served as the assistant director of field experiences since 2009. She died at the age of 54 in November.

The recipient of the Joyce Luke scholarship must be a senior education major who is student teaching and must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.

First preference for the scholarship are student teachers in rural areas. A recipient will be determined by a committee of faculty in the school of education, according to a University news release.

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State of Emergency is petty game for president to play



Last month, the notorious 35-day government shutdown ended. The reason the shutdown took place is because President Donald Trump refused to sign off on a congressional budget because senators and representatives refused to allocate funds to his border wall.

To end the shutdown, Trump signed a three-week budget before finally signing off on a spending bill passed by Congress, providing a small amount of funding for the border, clarifying it could be used for fencing along the border, not a wall.

Frustrated by this, Trump declared a state of emergency around the issue of undocumented immigrants along the U.S.-Mexico border to circumvent the restriction on his budget implemented by Congress while simultaneously setting a dangerous precedent for the future of presidential powers.

The presidential power to declare a state of emergency allows the president to shift funds from any branch in the federal government to be used where the president sees fit.

While this power makes for a good safeguard, in this instance its usage by Trump is nothing more than a petty way to undermine Congress.

The issue around undocumented immigrants along the southern border is hardly a national emergency. This is evident when observing the sixteen U.S. states suing the presidential administration, as mentioned in a Deutsche Welle article Feb. 19.

Each state is suing the administration claiming Congress is in control of funding, and the border issue isn't a national emergency.

A USA Today article reported that The American Civil Liberties Union, representing the environmental organization Sierra Club, is also suing Trump's administration, claiming there is no real national emergency.

Regardless of the outcome of the several lawsuits against the Trump administration, Trump's rash and, sadly, unsurprisingly immature decision is a substantial expansion of presidential powers in two ways: power against Congress and power to exercise the usage of the National Emergencies Act for scenarios previously left as unspokenly taboo.

First, Trump's usage of the National Emergencies Act to declare a state of emergency in order to receive funding for his border wall creates a new means for the president to undermine Congress.

In this case, the president is undermining Congress by allocating funds toward a program he wants despite Congress's attempts to stop it.

In the future, this could be utilized by presidents to undermine Congress for their own political agendas.

Future presidents could also use this to undermine programs funded by Congress.

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NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN OPINION



OUR VIEW:

Black history deserves celebration

Most of us grew up knowing February is Black History Month. In elementary school, we studied Martin Luther King Jr's "I have a dream" speech, and discussed the invention of peanut butter by George Washington Carver. School teachers also went out of their way to include multiple activities to celebrate in February.

The University has barely celebrated Black History Month this year, canceling many of the events that were planned because of the weather. Nothing has been done to make up for the lost events.

Various events such as the Soul Food Dinner and movies with discussions at the end peppered the calendar this month which were canceled because of the multiple snow days.

Northwest states its faculty and staff promote diversity, but it's actions don't always back its senti-

There's minimal promotion for minority events like A Taste of Africa and organizations like the Divine 9, a collection of historically black, international fraternities and sororities. Even when these events and organizations get promoted, it's not done effectively nor are the events often that big seeing as the Soul Food Dinner was the biggest event for Black History Month.

Former Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Juanita Simmons said it's the same people attending the events.

"I see the same supporters," Simmons said. "The same faculty, students and individuals from the community supporting these events, bringing their families and educating their children. It should be everyone's responsibility to educate themselves about these events."

It is up to individuals to educate themselves, but people will not be motivated or aware if these events are not given the proper spotlight.

We do more to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day than we do for the entire month of February.

Lonnie Bunch, a columnist for the Guardian said the month is

meant to provide more than the inspiration we often credit to the celebrations

"Simply providing inspiration is not enough to justify the month: its purpose needs clarifying and its message needs fine tuning," Bunch said. "The history that is shared during these months often focuses on the famous or the exceptional. Which in some ways makes it difficult for many to relate to."

Northwest has a fairly diverse campus despite being nestled in the heart of the Midwest. We have four of the Divine 9 organizations on campus which is a major milestone for a university our size.

Junior Class Representative Kenyatta Johnson said these events are important for our campus.

"I believe it's important to have these events on campus," Johnson said. "We need to learn everyone's differences and stories to go into society. A much as we need to learn about Native Americans, Hispanics, we need to learn about African-American history as well."

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Trends within fashion are always changing as many things are going in and out of fashion every day; especially now with fashion brands promoting its styles online.

Fashion magazines such as Vogue, Cosmopolitan and ELLE are well-established for their stylish clothing coverage, exclusive interviews and targeting a global audience.

Kindra Malone, a sophomore and oral public relations major, is a fan of fashion magazines.

"I love fashion magazines as I am subscribed to Marie Claire and I love reading magazines online," Malone said.

However, there are certain stereotypes around fashion magazines, where they cater towards heterosexuals and white social class women who are pretty, thin and attractive to men.

Since the 1960s, the portrayal of women in media has been a prime concern, and is still an issue today because mainstream media portrays inaccurate representations. Women are often sexualized and objectified in media to attract male audiences by showing a strong, visual and erotic impact to

entice people to buy the magazine. Freshman Adrian Marlin thinks fashion magazines are solely based for females only.

"Magazines get slightly repetitive as it is all women, and all of the models shown are skinny, which I don't like because it feels like body shaming to me," Marlin said.

The social stigma around skinny models has been circulating for years. Magazines never show other body types because they want consumers to see that being a 'perfect' size is acceptable. There are other body types which should gain as much coverage so people can relate, as not everyone has a slim, toned body.

Malone says there are lots of stereotypes in magazines which have become an occurrence ever since she was young.

"A lot of stereotypes I see in magazines are models that are fit, and a lot of times there are more women than men because people are more attracted to female beauty," Malone said.

However, for the last few years, plus-size modeling has hit mainstream media, breaking the norm that everybody should accept other body types and that 'one size for all' is not a positive message to portray.

People think plus-size means unhealthy and overweight, but many models say that being curvier is something people should be proud of. Plus-size model Iskra Lawrence said, "The fashion industry tore me apart, but it allowed me to rebuild myself and realize that I can have purpose," according to The Cut. Since the rise of plus-size, there are many online communities supporting models to be accepted in magazines and catwalks.

Marlin says that having a variety of models can impact how people perceive the industry.

"A variety of different models would definitely change my views of the runway. This would help with people's body confidence issues, plus more people would attend the fashion shows if there was more diversity," Marlin said.

One problem that always occurs within fashion is the lack of gender and sexualities portrayed. According to The Guardian, 78 percent of models in fashion print campaigns are white, with only 8 percent black, 4 percent Asian and 3 percent Hispanic.

The lack of representation within fashion has always been a major concern for various reasons. For instance, many stylists and make-up artists refuse to work with ethnic models as they don't have the right products for their skin tone. There are so many products for people with different skin tones and suitable for everyone, but since the industry has always abided by traditional and stereotypical ways, ethnic models don't get the same recognition.

Malone said that representation in fashion is not something she is personally opposed to.

"The lack of other ethnicities in fashion affects a lot of my friends, rather than myself because my body type is small, but I also realize that not everyone is like that so I think showing more body types and ethnic models will make more women have a higher self-esteem and feel more confident within themselves," Malone said.

The fashion industry dominates the way people think and how they view others and themselves. Fashion is a sector that takes time to adjust to new aspects, with the industry trying to overcome the barrier to make it suitable for different age groups. However, with the rise of digital media, people have seen changes within communities by spreading positivity amongst others.

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Kya Sanchez, a high school senior at Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park, Illinois, questions Student Ambassador Elizabeth Skelly about her experiences in the Bearcat Marching Band during Distinguished Scholars Day Saturday, Feb. 16. Sanchez plans to attend Northwest and play trumpet in the Bearcat Marching Band.

High school seniors compete for scholarships

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Top high school scholars and potential Northwest students competed for the President's Scholarship Feb. 16.

Students who attended the Distinguished Scholars Day event were interviewed by faculty members and staff for the \$8,000 President's Scholarship. More than 167 top students from several states went to the event, and only 10 will be selected for the scholarship. The students will know by March 1 if they are chosen.

The interviews consisted of one or two faculty and staff members getting to know the students better and evaluating their eligibility for the scholarship on more accounts than academics alone. Those in attendance had ACT scores of 27-36 and a minimum high school GPA

Though the competition was high, the event gave students a day of more than just nervously awaiting important interviews.

The day began with an opening message from Provost Jamie Hooyman. Teary-eyed, she began by describing what it means to be a Bearcat and opened her speech with a moment of silence for the recent passing of a beloved student.

"She was a true Bearcat," Hooyman said.

Hooyman's speech gave students a vision of how close Northwest's community is with each and every student — focused on the success of every individual.

After Hooyman's speech, half of the group was dismissed to the first round of interviews, and two student panels answered questions both potential Bearcats and their parents had about college life at

While the students had interviews, a separate session took place for the parents where they were able to learn about more aspects of Northwest like financial assistance, residential life, the University Police Department and the honors program.

Students were then able to meet back up with their parents and attend academic sessions with the department of their interest. A University representative presented information on academics in specific areas of study and was able to answer further questions the students had.

Lunch was served in the J.W. Jones Student Union boardroom and ballroom, where closing remarks were made by event leaders. At the end of the event, there was an optional campus tour led by Northwest students and staff members.

Campus Visit Coordinator Kristen Little helped put on the event and noted the day was about more than just competition.

"This was a day for students to learn about Northwest, not just academics, but meet other Bearcats and get to know each other," Lit-

North Andrew High School student Logan Hughes said the event helped him realize all the opportunities at Northwest.

"It helped me learn about events on campus, how to get involved and class options I didn't know about before," Hughes said.

Another potential Bearcat, Meghan Essink from Freeman High School in Adams, Nebraska, said it was a great way to meet other Northwest students.

"I met a lot of interesting people and learned what Northwest was all about," Essink said. "Today helped confirm my decision to become a Bearcat.'

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Ballam said seeing Young this final time has helped her through the grief of dealing with Young's death.

"I take so much comfort in the brief encounter, for I know that you believed in Jesus Christ, and you had the hope of eternity in your future and in your sights," Ballam said.

"For this, I believe you are not afraid of death."

With a shaky voice, Ballam went on to read a passage from the Bible, First Corinthians 15:54-58.

During the vigil, Director of Residential Life Rose Viau started to read statements from her team members about Young and how they would remember her.

"Nae was joyful, caring and impactful," Viau said. She brightened up those around her with her smile, laugh and never-ending positive energy.

After reading this statement, Viau was overwhelmed with emotion, with her voice breaking, she allowed Director of Residential Education Andre Brown to take over.

"She was always there to lend an ear and listen to those around her," Brown said. "She brought the best out of those around her and will truly be missed... She loved being an RA, she loved Northwest."

These are how some would remember Young: as a kind and bright individual. Senior Allie Salas, a friend of Young and her mom in Sigma Society, echoed these

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"Lonnae was one of the most unique, amazing people to bless this earth," Salas said. "You never saw her without a smile on her face. She cared for every person she came in contact with, even complete strangers she could make it seem like she knew for years."

Dawson said she had an infectious personality and cared for those around her.

"Her personality made you fall in love with her. You could never take her seriously, and you never knew what she was gonna say," Dawson said. "You could be in the worst mood ever, as soon as you see or even speak to her, you forget about whatever was going on. She was the best person to talk to and be around."

President John Jasinski, in a Tweet, talked about the impact Young left on the University.

'Nae was focused on others' well-being, independent, a leader and a role model, full of motherly tendencies, optimism and positivity," Jasinski said.

Along with being a kind and caring friend, Dawson said Young was also always there for her family.

"She was so good at every role she had, being a sister, a daughter, a cousin," Dawson said. "Her little cousins would come over and they'd have so much fun; they had a million handshakes and came up with so many games to keep busy. They were never bored."

Though Salas said she only knew Young for a few years, she still had a huge influence on her life.

She would go out of her way to help anyone, and I am so grateful that I was able to be in her life even for a few years," Salas said. "She made a big impact on me and will continue to for the rest of my life. Her quirky, funny, loving, sweet, respectful personality will be missed forever. She was truly one

of a kind.' Senior Katie Aupperle remembered Young as a caring person who had a positive impact on everyone she met.

'Nae was such a bright, bubbly, beautiful girl who had such a bright future," Aupperle said. "She always made sure to see the good in every day. She left a remarkable impact on many people during her time at Northwest and will be deeply missed.'

Young's death was unexpected and an autopsy is being performed. The day before she died, Young sent out a message in Slack asking if anyone could cover her shift in Franken Hall because she was having an allergic reaction. The cause of death is still unknown.

A viewing will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Feb. 23, at Charity Church in Kansas City, Missouri. The funeral will then follow at 11 a.m.

Police blotters for the week of Feb. 21

Maryville Public Safety

Feb. 8

There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at the 100 block of East Third Street.

A summons was issued to David Perkins, 18, for minor in possession and improper display of license plates at the 300 block of East Third Street.

Feb. 9

A summons was issued to Anurag Kumar, 23, for possession of marijuana and failure to obey a stop sign at the 400 block of West Ninth Street.

Feb. 10

A driver's license was lost or stolen at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

A summons was issued to Marshall Pearcy, 21, for larceny at the 1600 block of South Main

There is an ongoing investigation for domestic assault at the 1200 block of West Crestview Drive.

Feb. 13

There is an ongoing investigation for peace disturbance at

the 100 block of South Walnut

A summons was issued to Hailey Hanson, 20, from Clinton, Missouri, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

Feb. 15

A summons was issued to Michael Rudolph, 19, for driving while intoxicated and speeding at the 100 block of East Edwards Street.

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

Feb. 15

A summons was issue to Kamirah Brown, 21, for possession of marijuana at Hawthorn Apartments.

A summons was issued to Briana Wesley, 21, for possession of marijuana at Hawthorn Apartments.

Feb. 16

A summons was Ronnae Gordon, 18, for possession of marijuana at South Complex.

He also spent time in the Mis-He was preceded in death by his souri National Guard, receiving an infant brother and stepbrother. honorable discharge in 1964. He is survived by his wife, Don-He was a member of First Chris-

na Sprouse, children Janice Meier (Robert) of Olathe, Kansas, Ann Barthol (Kent) Overland Park, Kansas, Joel Rickman (Laura) of Washington, Missouri; grandchildren Jordan and Jacob Meier, Brock, Dylan, and Luke Barthol, Nathaniel, Grace, and Adam Rickman; brother Will Rickman (Carolyn), sister Bess Mitchell (Harold), sister-in-law Cheryl Watson (Art), stepbrothers John Sill (Phoebe), Jim Sill (Dian), Steve Sill

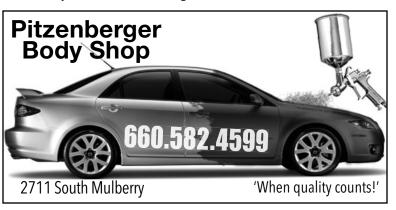
(Linda), and stepsister-in-law Norita Sill; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

parents, stepmother, parents-in-law,

tian Church where he served as an elder, board chairman and a member of many committees including

the building committee for the current church. He recently joined the tenor section in the church choir.

Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, with visitation at 1:00 p.m. followed by the funeral at 2:00 p.m. at First Christian Church.





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History of Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day falls on the third Monday in February in the United States. It is also known as Washington's Birthday, after George Washington. Even though George's birthday was February 22nd. The day is meant to celebrate George Washington and all the presidents of the U.S. It became a federal holiday in 1879. Although there was an attempt in 1968 to officially call the third Monday in February

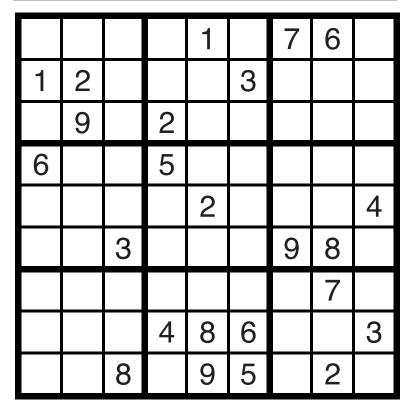
Presidents' Day, it failed. It eventually came to pass that in 1971. Still many states choose to call this day Presidents' Day instead of Washington's Birthday. Some states also celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday on this day as well which was February 12th.



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ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you may want to pull the covers over your head and stay in bed all week long, but that's just not possible. If you dust yourself off and get out there, you'll get back on track.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Don't lose your patience if you need to repeat yourself a few times before your point comes across to others, Taurus. Eventually, others will start to come around.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, do not worry even if your workload seems overwhelming. Relief is on the way. A hero will swoop in and take some of the responsibility off your shoulders.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Happy times in your life have you exhibiting good will toward others, Cancer. Maybe you'll give a coworker a break or cast some good vibes on a friend.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

It is important to have goals, but not at the expense of friendships, Leo. If you have to put success over the needs of others, it may not be worth it. Wait until everything jibes.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Having a plan in place at all times is your saving grace, Virgo. When something unexpected happens this week, you will be able to handle it without breaking a sweat.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Two friends or family members may try to put you in the middle of their quarrel, Libra. This is an unenviable situation. Try to remain as neutral as possible.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Though it may be challenging, spend more time engaging in frivolous activities this week rather than more serious pursuits. Show others you can let loose, Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you may get an inkling that change is ahead, but you can't pinpoint which direction it's coming from. Just be at the ready for anything that seems unusual.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, when someone challenges you, it's best to not get defensive. This may seem like you are admitting guilt. Instead, do not engage this person much.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, when work pressures get to you, it's best to take a little time off on the weekend to think about anything but work. Immerse yourself in a hobby.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Travel plans may be slightly delayed, but they're not completely off the table, Pisces. Don't worry about having to unpack those bags just yet.



CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS 1. Civil rights organization

- 5. Cause to lose courage
- 10. Outside entertaining area 14. Botswana currency
- 15. Comedic Actor Tim
- 16. Barbary sheep
- 17. German river 18. Take
- 19. Catches
- 20. Eating houses
- 22. Consumed
- 23. Lawyers try them
- 24. Hugh Jackman character 27. Basics
- 30. No (Scottish)
- 31. Duct
- 32. Athlete who plays for pay
- 35. Unit of distance
- 37. Female bird 38. Predatory reptile
- 39. Regions
- 40. Dishonorable man 41. Dry white Italian wine
- 42. A way to understand
- 43. Actors' organization
- 44. Beach hut 45. Disappointment
- 46. Police officer
- 47. Digital audiotape 48. Western Thai people
- 49. Of a polymer
- 52. Secret political clique
- 55. Sound unit 56. Cavalry sword
- 60. Whale ship captain 61. Eastern Austria spa town
- 63. Holds food
- 64. Filippo ___, Saint
- 65. Holds bottles of milk
- 66. Intestinal pouches
- 67. Arab ruler
- 68. Chicago political family 69. "Transparent" actress Kathryn

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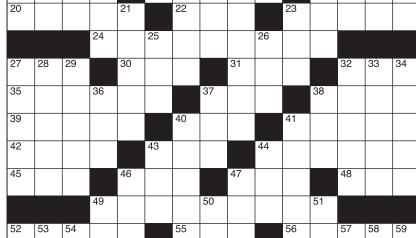
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- 2. Class of comb jellies
- 3. Musical symbol

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- 4. Hall of Fame ballplayer Rod
- 5. Pouch

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- 6. Split
- 7. Having wings
- 8 Set aside
- 9. Midway between northeast and east
- 10. Daughter of Acrisius
- 11. Periods of time 12. Rapper Ice _
- 13. Any of several candies
- 21. Units of loudness
- 23. Central nervous system
- 25. Resinous secretion of insects
- 26.007's creator
- 27. Separate from 28. Exposes to view
- 29. Harsh squeaking sound 32. Fishing vessel (Naut.) 33. Western Ukrainian city

- 34. The sea 36. Unhappy
- 37. Old miserable woman
- 38. Corn comes on it 40. Guinea pig-like mammal
- 41. Self-immolation by fire rituals

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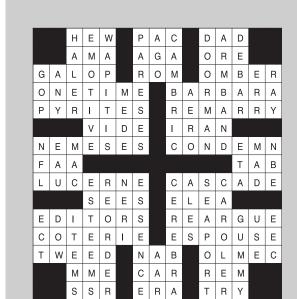
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- 43. Fifth note of a major scale
- 44 Automobile
- 46. Military title (abbr.) 47. Expunge
- 49. Chadic language Bura-__
- 50. Something you win 51. Grab
- 52. Town in Galilee
- 53. Polite interruption sound 54. Italian Seaport

59. Tom Clancy hero Jack

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Last Week's Solutions



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The Skeletwins





SUBMITTED

Aubrey Ewing feeds Cocoa, who is completely blind due to a boat strike. Cocoa is a green sea turtle and is fed once a day, his diet consisting of squid, capelin, jumbo shrimp and lots of romaine lettuce.

SHELL SHOCKED

Student embraces change of internship

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A hunger for knowledge and passion for animals drives senior and marine biologist major Aubrey Ewing to pursue her career through real-life experiences and internships.

Her most recent internship at Clearwater Marine Aquarium in Clearwater, Florida, was actually the backup after she had applied for an internship in Australia. Due to financial problems and scheduling issues, the overseas internship fell through.

While she was upset about not being able to do the Australian internship, she didn't let that stop her and continued applying for others.

"I was like, I have to do something now. I've blocked a whole semester off for this ... I just continued to look for those (internships). To start off, I was like, 'I wonder if CMA is doing anything,' because it was familiar to me," Ewing said. "I needed to make plans ASAP so I went ahead and went with it."

Ewing planned out most of her time and career at Northwest, giving herself open semesters she could use for internship opportunities.

Along with the internship, she also took 13 credit hours online, meaning she dedicated 60 hours every week to stay caught up with both school and her internship responsibilities.

CMA was the first one to get back to her, and so she landed an internship rehabilitating sea turtles.

"I knew I was going to, let's say, improve and eventually do more and be more hands-on fast-

in an internship in Florida working to help save sea turtles.

er with the sea turtle program I ran with," Ewing said.

A graduate of Northwest and friend Noelle Prideaux has known Ewing since high school. Prideaux and Ewing not only went to the same high school but also wound up at Maple Woods Metropolitan Community College together and later transferred to Northwest as well.

"She wants to go live on the coast and everything because that's what she needs to do for her work," Prideaux said. "I joke though that she's actually going to work at Bass Pro Shop. I hate that because she's not actually going to work at Bass Pro Shop. I told her that she can live close to me, and I can see her all the time, but clearly, that's not what's happening."

This was the longest Prideaux and Ewing had been apart from each other.

Prideaux's boyfriend even helped pay for her flight to see Ewing in December. She said it was a lot of fun.

"I got to see her in her natural habitat," Prideaux said. "I got to see her at the aquarium giving some presentations on the turtles and ev-

erything else."
Ewing worked with 10 sea turtles, two different species known as the Kemp's ridley and green sea turtles. As she went through her internship, she said she learned the most from Max, a Kemp's rid-

"The other turtles were great, but I did the same thing with them," Ewing said. "Max was a challenge, in a good way. I learned about animal behavior in depth because of him. I learned about how to properly give the highest care best suited for him as a species ... The training, the feeding, the enrichment with him were all taken to a higher level because of how he responded and what his habits were when I first started my internship."

Max may not have been the turtle she bonded with the most, but he helped her grow and learn animal behavior better.

The learning experience Ewing received from the repetitive regime had its high and low moments. She loved seeing Max continue his target training, but there were still parts of the internship she didn't like.

"There's probably one instance, where we joke about how the turtles would literally, like, how do I politely say this," Ewing said. "You can't. They just crap. Everywhere. Right before I would go in to feed Cocoa."

Her least favorite moments also extended to the monotony and repetitive nature of scheduling diets, training and being a docent.

Ewing's academic advisor Kurt Haberyan was one of the teachers she went to for one of her letters of recommendation.

"She doesn't hesitate to dive in when she's in the field doing some work," Haberyan said. "Some people just don't want to dive in and get wet or muddy or anything, but she doesn't mind that fact."

When Haberyan first met her, he said she was very reserved and quiet, but slowly became more expressive and confident.

Every time Ewing spoke about helping the sea turtles and the daily

routines that came with the internship, her eyes sparkled with knowledge and interest as her mouth curved into a natural smile.

Her love for animals started at an early age. She remembers traveling to see family in what she considers her second home in Maine and being desperately scared of the ocean to the point where she couldn't go past her knees, yet also having the desire to go in the ocean. As a marine biology major now, she laughs at the fear she used to harbor.

"I was that 8-year-old that watched documentaries," Ewing said. "In the morning, it was Spongebob, so it was fine, my brain cells were still depleted just like any other kid, but at night, we would watch Animal Planet."

It was through Animal Planet that Ewing watched the first documentary that connected to her, which was about octopuses.

She was fascinated by their ability to adapt and survive. The sheer amount of species also caught her attention along with a multitude of other aspects.

After this incident, she realized she wanted to do something with the ocean.

With her passion for the ocean and animals, she found her calling through marine biology.

Even though Ewing's internship with CMA was an experience she doesn't regret, she still has high hopes and plans for Australia.

"I still loved my internship with CMA, and I'm happy with the results. I will still try to shoot for Australia one day though," Ewing said. "Keeping my fingers crossed."



JUSANI JACKSON | NW MISSOURIAN Ewing adds iodine to water samples she collected at Mozingo Lake for her senior seminar class. Ewing participated



JUSANI JACKSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Ewing used an agar to cut into the ice for her samples. She then used a vernier horizontal sampler to take samples below the surface.

St. Francis Gala meets fund goal

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The St. Francis Hospital Foundation raised more than \$130,000 at its 125th Gala for the Cancer Care Campaign at SSM Health St. Francis Hospital Feb. 16 at the Mozingo Lake Conference Center.

The sold-out Gala featured a cruise theme where guests could "set sail" and visit six ports featuring food from Greece, Japan, India, Mexico, America and the French Riviera. The event included a silent and live auction, live entertainment and dinner.

The money raised from the gala will be put toward a healing garden and parking at the hospital.

Larry Mannasmith, a co-chair for the gala, was involved because he lost his wife Rhonda to breast cancer in 2017.

"We went to Nebraska Medicine for five years while she put up her fight against breast cancer," Mannasmith said. "And the healing gardens at the Buffett Center in Omaha were my saving grace. So when they said they wanted to do that here in Maryville, I said, 'Count me in.' That's an important part. Maryville patients and citizens in Nodaway County deserve that as well.'

Teri Harr, the other co-chair, is part of the Cancer Care committee and was happy to help with the gala. Her main job as co-chair is to get people involved and raise funds for the cause.

"I love that the money is going to go to help so many people that have been impacted by cancer," Harr said, tearing up as she spoke. "I just feel like it's such a need in our area to be able to provide those services and this healing garden for cancer patients and their caregivers. I feel really blessed to be part of it."

Mannasmith wants to use the money raised to start the garden immediately so it can be developed within a few months.

"There are families right now that need that comfort garden," Mannasmith said. "We cannot wait. There are people fighting cancer right now that need this garden to help them get through their process."

Three women who work in Cancer Care at the hospital — Kenzie White, Julie Moore and Andrea Cunningham — attended the gala for the first time. They have all worked in Cancer Care since it started in June 2017.

"We're here to support our patients," Moore said. "We have a patient that's an ambassador here tonight, so we're really here to support her. The highlighting of our patients, I think, is a good thing for the community to see.'

Moore is looking forward to having the funds used for parking. White said there isn't much parking near the hospital.

"We're really focusing a lot on getting parking for our patients so they don't have to walk as far and be fatigued," Moore said. "It would benefit them to have parking close to our facility."

Assistant Director of Wellness Services Judy Frueh was also at the gala. It was her third or fourth year attending, and she described it as a good evening.

"I think it's important to support the efforts of SSM and now Mosaic," Frueh said. "I've been on the Cancer Care committee for a little bit, and I just think it's really



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Drake Foreman of Sigma Tau Gamma serves beach cocktails Saturday, Feb. 16, at Mozingo Lake Conference Center.

important that we need that (healing garden) for our cancer patients here in the county."

Many Northwest students were present at the gala as volunteers, recruited by senior Shianne Kolts.

Kolts is the Community and Development intern for the St. Francis Hospital Foundation and has helped with the event planning since it began in October. She reached out to multiple campus organizations to ask for volunteers.

Volunteers from Sigma Society, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Tau Gamma, Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Sigma Alpha and Alternative Spring Break helped at the gala by checking in coats, pouring drinks and cleaning up.

Kolts worked with the registration for the event and picked up donations for the silent auction. She enjoyed the event planning experience as well as seeing the community come together.

(I like) getting the donations and getting just so many people willing to help out for such a wonderful cause because cancer has affected so many people," Kolts said. "All these people come to donate items or buy items just because everyone's been affected with it somehow."

Mannasmith reflected on his participation in the event fondly.

'The committee that I've worked with, led by Megan Jennings, and the St. Francis Foundation are a huge, dedicated bunch of people that are so kind and compassionate," Mannasmith said. "They want the best for their patients, and they want the best for the citizens of Maryville and Nodaway County. That's what's made it so inspirational to work with them.

Actress joins Northwest in 'Love Letters' debut

JOY HUDDLESTON

Missourian Reporter | @Joybird_Spotted

"Love Letters" demonstrated the hard work of both professionals and students through the play.

The two-person play, which told the story of two friends through the series of letters they sent to each other throughout their lives, was directed by theater professor Theophil Ross. Ross also starred in the play, alongside guest artist Kathleen Warfel.

Though the play was meant to be performed by only two people, several students helped behind the scenes to make sure everything went smoothly. Most agreed that adjusting to the equity rules within Warfel's contract was a challenge at first.

Theater performance major Emmalee Shields discussed the difficulties of the equity rules.

'The equity rules were hard to get used to," Shields said. "We had to have very specific break times for Kathleen, instead of just breaking whenever we felt, like when we work with student actors.'

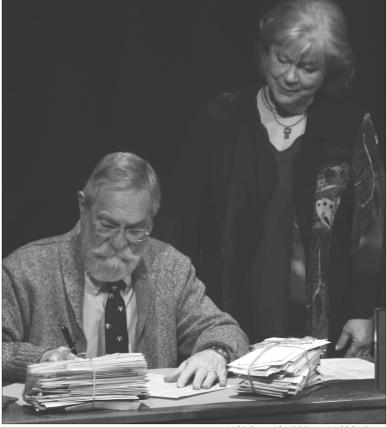
Warfel understood, and helped everyone adjust.

Despite some small difficulties, junior and theater performance major Payton Thompson enjoyed spending time with Warfel.

"I really enjoyed Kathleen," Thompson said. "She was really nice, funny and good at helping us understand the equity rules.'

Though working with an actor under contract could be confusing at times, it also helped cut back on the time the crew would normally work on a play.

"Altogether, we spent may-



MORGAN JONES | NW MISSOURIAN

Theophil Ross, professor of theater at Northwest, directed and performed with professional actress Kathleen Warfel in "Love Letters" Valentine's Day

be 48-50 hours on rehearsals," Thompson said. "It usually takes longer. The fact that this was a reader's theater, and that the actors were professionals with experience, helped streamline the process."

The rehearsal times themselves were another hurdle for the crew.

"We're used to rehearsals that take place in the evening," Shields said. "It was kind of frustrating having to work around my class schedule to fit rehearsal times in."

Overall, everyone was confident in how the play turned out. Josh Munden, a junior majoring in technical theater, worked as the assistant tech director for "Love Letters.'

FULL STORY ONLINE: NWMISSOURINEWS.COM

Netflix should bring literature to our screens



"Umbrella Academy" has proven that Netflix is adept enough to bring literature (yes, comic books are literature, and I will die on that hill) to the screens of millions.

I believe that with the success of "Umbrella Academy" Netflix should take on the following pieces of literature and bring them to life.

'The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl." Doreen Green or "Squirrel Girl" is one of Marvel's lesserknown superheroes. Her powers are all squirrel based, including having a tail and sharp claws like Wolverine. She is also probably the most powerful superheroes considering she beat Thanos, Wolverine, Ultron and Galactus.

Not only is she super powerful, but she is a humorous character. She is a college student trying to navigate the world, balancing homework and heroism. This would work best as an animated series with Christian Vee playing the title character. Vee has voiced Marinette in "Miraculous Tales of Ladybug and Chat Noir," Sailor Mars in 'Sailor Moon: Crystal" and Homura Akemi in "Modak Magica."

Anything by Rick Riordan.

Anyone who knows me knows I grew up reading "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" and the rest of Riordan's work including "The Kane Chronicles," "The Heroes of Olympus," "Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard" and "The Trials of Apollo." Director Chris Columbus butchered the live action movie "Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief" but the directors of "Avatar: the Last Airbender" and "Dragon Prince" could bring the entire Riordanverse to life in a comedic, animated retelling of these fantastic tales.

"Paper Girls."

Another comic book, "Paper Girls" is a science fiction wonderland. The series follows a group of five girls with newspaper routes in the 1980s who get dragged into a battle across time in their small. Ohio town. The story is full of diverse characters as the girls discover who they are and the knowledge of what their future holds. Falling in a similar vein of "Stranger Things" and "Series of Unfortunate Events," a cast of fresh, new faces playing the five main girls would be the best route of action.

"The 39 Clues."

A history buff's dream, "The 39 Clues" series could also be a great animated series very similar, if not better than PBS' "Liberty's Kids." Even a live action much like "Spy Kids" could work as Amy and Dan Cahill jet set around the world against their eccentric family members in hopes of finding the family fortune. They travel with their guardian Nellie Gomez and their cat Saladin who both provide great comedic relief. Since the series is written by different authors, it would be a great way for each author to make a cameo in the episode based off their work.

"Prophecy of the Sisters."

A lesser-known trilogy set in Victorian America, "Prophecy of the Sisters" follows the trials of Amelia and Alice Milthorpe as they grieve the loss of their father and discover their places in a prophecy dating back to the beginning of time. Full of lively and dangerous characters, the trilogy makes for a great historical fiction piece similar to The CW's "Reign." It is also another great chance to discover new faces or boost lesser-known actors.

While I understand there is a mess of red tape surrounding copyrights and funding, I believe these pieces of literature deserve the right to come to our screens in the best way and most popular way possible.

THE STROLLER:

Your Bearcat hates the loaded fries

The loaded fries in the Bearcat Common's lunch have been the worst dining experiment I have seen in my three years at this school.

If you haven't eaten at the commons, the grill replaces all of the items at its section for fries that you can top with meat and cheese on certain days.

While it is a nice idea, the most frustrating thing is how this has removed all of the other options the grill normally provides. This means no hamburgers, no grilled chicken, no chicken nuggets, no grilled cheese, just fries.

It limits options for anyone who is used to eating in the commons. I used to eat there so that I could decide between eating a burger, quesadilla, pizza, or something new.

Normally, the new food ideas have some novel concept that, to some extent, make up for the reduced choices. Even when the new things aren't the best, it's only around for one day.

However, these loaded fries are still going on. I'm someone who loves fries, and this is really going overboard.

Honestly, this entire prob-

lem could be remedied by allowing us to pick from the previous options that they removed and have the loaded fries be included as well.

Thankfully, this is something that is only for a limited time. If we're lucky, the loaded fries will never come back to haunt our Union again.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.



Northwest Missourian SPORTS JUMPS



MADI GLASS | NW MISSOURIAN

Freshman Randi Overkamp clears the bar for the high jump at the Carl and Cheryl Hughes Fieldhouse Feb. 8. Northwest hosts the indoor conference meet Feb. 22-24.

TRACK

CONTINUED FROM **A12**

The Bearcats are setting high expectations for both the men's and women's teams for the weekend. For Northwest, the goal is for each squad to finish in the top five spots, Masters said, something that hasn't been done at Northwest in decades.

To reach the bar set, Northwest simply has to perform to the level it is capable of, Masters said. The coach sees opportunities for large point swings in a number of events.

"We're positioned correctly for a top-five (spot)," Masters said.

"We've got to go race. We've just got to race well. If we over perform our ranking going in by event group and by kid, we'll be a topfive (team). But we have to be at our positioning or a little bit better to do that."

Masters expects solid performances from Northwest across the board. Masters and coach Nick Gibson designed the team's training regimen in a way that should prompt the Bearcats to peak at the right time. As Masters sees it, that

That's the way it's supposed to happen," Masters said. "I feel

like, between coach Gibson and myself, we do a great job in getting our kids ready to perform at the right time. We've been working really hard, and I was actually pretty surprised at some of the early marks we got that were program marks, school records (and) top national marks because it was really early for those."

Both Masters and Gibson are as excited as they've been for a meet in their young careers at Northwest. Masters, who is never slow to show emotion, is battling nerves while looking forward to the meet.

"I think coach (Gibson) and I

both believe that we are really pretty dang good," Masters said. "The kids are feeling fresh and fast and confident going into that meet. At home, I mean, who knows? Maybe we can pull something off pretty cool. This hasn't been done in a long time here."

Gibson, who coaches the distance runners, echoed the same sentiments as Masters. The coach is hopeful that the conference meet's outcome will be the fruition of Northwest's hard work.

The big thing at this meet is we're just competing," Gibson said. "Times don't matter, it's just about placing and competing. We just want the kids to go out and compete and give it everything they have. As long as they give it everything they have, we know good results are going to come."

All of what Northwest has accomplished this season is essentially a footnote compared to what lies ahead. For the Bearcats, the postseason is the endgame, and it starts now.

'Coming into the meet, nothing else before this matters," Masters said. "If we go and do what we're capable of doing, we'll reach our goals."

MEN

CONTINUED FROM **A12**

"Yeah, we expect it every year, absolutely," McCollum said of winning the MIAA. "That's the expectation; that's why you come here. You get to play in big games, big situations, in front of good crowds. Everybody that's come here in the last six seasons has got to cut down nets."

It's difficult to put into perspective the magnitude of what Northwest has done over the last six seasons, and more specifically in this

No team in the MIAA has won the conference six seasons in a row, a record that dates back to 1925 when the first conference crown was given out, a year that predates the Great Depression and came three decades before the integration of public schools.

The Bearcats are a remarkable 87-5 over their last three seasons, good for a .945 winning percentage. Further, Northwest is the only undefeated team in the country this year across the NCAA Division I, II and III levels.

"If we are able to (win the MIAA), I think this league is as difficult of a league as there is in the country, in Division II in particular," McCollum said. "There's really good coaching, there's athleticism, there's skill, and on top of it, (we've) got that bullseye on our back. For our kids to be able to come out and win at a high level in this league, it's a big deal."

Northwest could clinch the conference title with a win in one of its last four games or via a Washburn loss. Still, the Bearcats expect to win as they have in each of the last five seasons, though this season they have done so differently.

For Northwest, the culture is the same, but much of the intangibles are unlike that of years past. The Bearcats field a lineup that is nearly unrecognizable and is executing an offense that lacks a true center.

This season has carried an unfamiliar feeling for sophomore Ryan Hawkins as well.

"It's kind of neat because there was that good group of seniors two years in a row that had done it before," Hawkins said. "This year, we don't have that core group, so it's a new group of people trying to do the same thing. We're accomplishing the same goal but we have a different attitude and energy about it. We haven't done it before."

McCollum said he sometimes looks back on the earlier carnations of his team at Northwest, where his career as a head coach started 10 years ago with two subpar seasons. Since then, Northwest has been one of the most dominant teams in both the conference and the country.

Looking back is fun and nostalgic, McCollum said, but most days the coach and the program worry less about the past and more about what's next. A focus on the future is what's led them to it.

"Basketball is such a difficult sport to be consistently good, because one or two players, losing them can really affect your team," McCollum said. "To be able to be that dominant in the conference and to have that many people be a part of the success and where this program has gone is very meaningful."



AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN

Freshman guard Trevor Hudgins is leading all NCAA Division II freshmen in scoring, averaging 18.9 points per game on the season.

Offense carries baseball into MIAA play

TRENT SPINNER

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As Northwest baseball continues to support itself by means of the offensive power, it heads into MIAA play after its first winning weekend.

While some teams derive success from pitching and/or defense, the Bearcats grab their attention from manufacturing wins through a "small ball" technique. The Bearcats are out of their

normal non-conference festivities after they finished up last weekend at Missouri Southern. For Northwest, the results were ideal compared to earlier season

finishes, as they took two of three out of a weekend for the first time this year. This 2-1 weekend allowed the Bearcats to boost their record to 4-6 on the year.

This outing at Missouri Southern allowed for a combination of cross-conference opponents as the MIAA took on the GLVC. The Bearcats took the first two games against Missouri-St. Louis (6-2) and Rockhurst (8-2), before facing Missouri Southern in a non-conference matchup. The Lions didn't fault as they bested Northwest 12-5, but overall the team views the weekend as a success.

"I think that, as a team, we have matched up very well to the teams we have played up to this point," junior first basemen Connor Quick said. "We have been in every game until the end and have gotten an



Northwest baseball is set to begin MIAA play Thursday against Northeastern State in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

opportunity to win. We have also played some very good teams up to this point, and I feel we can match up to any team.'

Across the board, Northwest's hitting statistics are becoming a well-known threat even before MIAA play commences. After only scoring three runs in the first two games on the season, the Bearcats went on a scoring streak. Over the next eight games, Northwest scored 69 runs for an average of 8.6 runs per game. As it sits, the Bearcats are third in the MIAA in total runs scored with 72.

This recent string of piling on the run support is helped largely by JUCO transfer Quick. He was not only named MIAA Hitter of the Week for his presence at the plate, but also leads the conference in hits.

"It feels good to get off to a good start this season. I'm just happy to help the team," Quick said. "Anything that I can do to help in the team's success, I'm all for.'

Northwest tops numerous categories in the MIAA when it comes to the offensive side of the ball. The Bearcats sit third in batting average totals in the league with a team aver-

age of .305. This team has built itself

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around a small ball demeanor, as they boast the second lowest total in home runs with only three on the year and the most walks in the MIAA.

The cornerstone for the Bearcats has been the effect that the transfer players have had and how they have opened up play.

"I think it just goes back to having experience at those positions," coach Darin Loe said. "The older guys that we returned are obviously playing huge parts, but then the transfer guys have filled in nicely."

The Bearcats are hoping to continue this string of success at the plate while improving the defensive side of the ball as they head into conference play Feb. 22-24. During that first conference road trip, Northwest will head to Tahlequah, Oklahoma to face Northeastern State.

"Going down to Tahlequah this weekend to open up conference play, I think we identified some things we need to work on after our first ten games," Loe said. "We talked about putting ourselves in a situation to be successful. We just got to focus on pitch one in game one, and once we get done with game one, we will focus our sights on game two."

`Cats struggle in Arkansas Tennis

TUCKER FRANKLIN

As a late addition to the Conway Classic, Northwest softball traveled 486 miles south to Conway, Arkansas, in a quest to find pre-conference contests.

The Bearcats (2-4) finished the weekend 1-3 against Upper Iowa, Minnesota State, Parkside and Rogers State. Northwest's sole win came in the form of a 6-0 victory over Parkside, when sophomore Regan Thompson threw a shutout, allowing just four hits.

Junior infielder Kaitlyn Weis has continued to produce at the dish for Bearcats going 6-for-14, driving six runs and clubbing two home runs. Weis now leads Northwest with a .500 batting average and a robust 1.100 slugging percentage.

"Really the whole weekend, defensively we played well," coach Ryan Anderson said. "Pitchers pitched decent. We actually hit the ball. Two of the games we lost we had the lead in the sixth and seventh inning, and we lost it.'

Perhaps the most disappointing loss of the weekend for the Bearcats came at the hands of Minnesota State. Going into the final half inning of play, Northwest had a 7-4 lead, and the Mavericks completed the comeback scoring four runs to walk-off the Bearcats.

"We're facing teams that keep the same approach all seven innings, and we got out ahead those first three, four innings, and we shut off," Anderson said. "We have to keep the pedal down, and we have to keep going. This is a hard sport where you only get a shot once every two and a half innings, and we have to keep it going.'

Senior outfielder Jaedra Moses had a successful weekend collecting seven hits, driving in one run while scoring three of her own. Moses explained the late-game collapses came



After the 2018 season, junior Kaitlyn Weis was the first Bearcat to earn first-team All-America honors from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

from the fact the team isn't quite conditioned to the demands of the game.

'We just got tired really easily,' Moses said. "It's only our second weekend out so we are still getting used to playing seven innings and staying with it. I think our momentum will get better as we go on."

With only six games under its belt, Northwest has produced runs, averaging almost four runs a game, and has received quality pitching from Thompson. Anderson said the positive takeaway from the games was the fact his team was competitive.

"The good thing was we were in every game," Anderson said. "Realistically, we should've ended that weekend 3-1, but two games got away from us, and that's the way it goes."

Anderson dismissed the thought of cold playing a factor in the reasoning behind his team not finishing strong, explaining, "it was cold

in both dugouts ... we just got beat." With yet another tournament being canceled on the Bearcats,

Northwest is looking for more

games to play. Moses said these early season tournaments help the team get a fresh look and give them a break from facing each other.

"It's nice just to get out and have some games and get more competition," Moses said. "We do live and see our own pitchers quite a bit so it's nice to get different looks and different pitches."

Information on where the Bearcats will play this weekend was not available at the time of publication. Follow @NWMSports for updates on game locations and times.

preps for first match

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Northwest men's and women's tennis opens its season with an indoor match against Maryville University in Red Oak, Iowa, Feb. 22.

Not to be confused with Maryville, Missouri, Maryville University is located in West St. Louis. Both the Bearcats and Saints will travel to Red Oak to open the indoor season.

'We're excited about playing up at Red Oak," coach Mark Rosewell said of the indoor courts. "They really give us a good home away from home up there to play early indoor matches ... it's a wonderful facility for a little town to have like that."

With the addition of the Carl and Cheryl Hughes Fieldhouse to Northwest's campus, all sports have been able to maximize use out of it. Both tennis teams have been able to prepare for the upcoming matches on similar playing surfaces.

"It's been good with the facility (Hughes Fieldhouse); it makes all the difference in the word," Rosewell said. "We're getting a lot of good quality time on courts that are similar to what we are going to be playing on ."

In preparations for the match, Rosewell noticed Maryville played Drury, who was No. 2 in the region and No. 9 in the country at one point last year, close in a 5-4 loss.

This will be the men's first meeting with the Saints in program history, while the women will play them for the first time since 2017.

"The men's program is new, I think it's maybe their second or third year, and we've only played their women's team one time," Rosewell said. "We don't know a great deal about them, so this is a good matchup for us.'

Sophomore Franco Oliva is coming off of a third-place finish in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Cup in the fall. Now taking his skills indoors, Rosewell explained the indoor season eliminates the natural elements and is an adjustment for the players.

"It's a big deal as far as the surface you're playing on," Rosewell said. "When you're playing outside you have the wind, you've got the sun, and you have all these elements that you don't have indoors, so it's a really different type of a game. It is an adjustment.'

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Spoofhounds confident amid districts

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As the Maryville boys basketball team took to the court to battle Frontier STEM Charter Tigers at St. Pius X High

School Feb. 18, the only thing on its mind was to continue its successful 2018-19 season.

The Spoofhounds came out on top with a final score of 68-29 over the Tigers, with help from a few underclassmen and several seniors like guard Eli Dowis, who racked up 16 points in the first half.

Still, the team saw areas that needed improvement before their next matchup against the Lathrop Mules Feb. 21.

"We need to be aggressive at all times in the game," junior guard Tate Oglesby said. "Even if it's not a very good opponent, it will help us become better for our upcoming run that we want to have. We need to be all around better in every aspect."

For the Spoofhounds, sitting with a 21-2 record on the season, Frontier STEM (4-8) was no match. Maryville came into the game with a strong and positive mindset. Throughout the season, the Spoofhounds have implemented an idea of calm, cool and collected. This

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was easily seen as they had no doubts about the game's outcome and future postseason play.

"I wouldn't necessarily say we're nervous," senior Creid Stoecklein said. "We've been here before and all of the people playing in our games have played in district championships multiple times. We know what we're doing, and we know that we can win."

While the Spoofhounds only allowed 13 points to the Tigers in the second half, their whole focus was on future games and how they will continue their postseason run. As the team gears up to play deeper into the postseason, a win like the one against Frontier STEM gives the team just the right amount of energy to prepare the path ahead.

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Senior guard Eli Dowis scored 16 points in the first half of Maryville's 68-29 win over Frontier STEM Feb. 18.

MIAA Standings

NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA Standings

Overall MIAA NORTHWEST......25-0 15-Washburn.....19-5 Missouri Southern.....20-5 Lincoln......16-8 Fort Hays State.....15-9 Pittsburg State.....14-10 Central Missouri......13-11 Northeastern State......12-12 Southwest Baptist.....12-12 Lindenwood......13-14 Emporia State......11-13

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA Standings Overall MIAA

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2-3	Washburn	17-7	12-3
-4	Emporia State	20-5	11-4
9-6	Pittsburg State	19-5	11-4
9-6	Central Missouri	18-5	11-4
-8	Lindenwood	17-5	11-4
-9	Nebraska Kearney	14-10	7-8
-9	Missouri Western	12-12	7-8
-9	Central Oklahoma	15-10	6-9
-9	Missouri Southern	12-13	4-11
-9	NORTHWEST	7-17	3-12
10	Southwest Baptist	7-17	3-12
11	Northeastern State	6-18	3-12
12	Lincoln	10-14	2-13

NW BASEBALL

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Central Missouri	5-4
Pittsburg State	5-4
Southwest Baptist	
Washburn	5-4
Lindenwood	4-6
NORTHWEST	4-6
Emporia State	2-4
Missouri Western	
Northeastern State	1-9
Fort Hays State	0-8

NW SOFTBALL

MIAA Standings

C	Overall
Lindenwood	2-0
Central Oklahoma	13-1
Central Missouri	4-2
Missouri Western	6-4
Fort Hays State	5-4
Washburn	7-9
Pittsburg State	4-6
Northeastern State	5-8
NORTHWEST	2-4
Missouri Southern	1-4
Emporia State	2-9
Nebraska Kearney	1-7
Southwest Baptist	

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Sophomore guard Jaelyn Haggard drains free throws at a 88.1 percent clip on the season for Northwest.

Women's skid continues as season's clock winds down

TUCKER QUINN

As the clock slowly ticks on the regular season, Northwest women's basketball continues to make strides to finish the 2018-19 journey on a high note and look toward the future.

With only four games left on the regular season schedule, the Bearcats (7-17, 3-12 MIAA) look to close out the year successfully, ending the seven-game skid they've endured.

After taking losses to Central Missouri (18-5, 11-4 MIAA) and Southwest Baptist (7-17, 3-12 MIAA) Feb. 13 and 16 in Bearcat Arena, Northwest is preparing for its final road stretch, traveling to Warrensburg to take on the Jennies and Bolivar to contend for the MI-AA's top Bearcat. These contests will be rematches of the Feb. 13-16 games.

"We've got 10 guaranteed days left, so we, as a coaching staff, talked to the team and told them to go to work, finish it strong, to have a little fun and to keep getting better," coach Austin Meyer said. "Fortunately for us, we are headed out on the road where we have been able to win a few games."

The road to success in the last four matchups isn't going to be an easy feat for Northwest, as Central Missouri welcomes the Bearcats

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into its facilities Feb. 21. The Jennies are the defending national champions and are already preparing for the MIAA tournament, beginning March 5.

"We are just trying to go in and get a little bit better, play through the adversity and put together a full 40-minute game," Meyer said. "We are getting close to winding down; so our focus, at this point, is just to finish strong."

A constant struggle for Northwest, seemingly most of the season, is finding the fluidity and the transfer from play in practice to performance in games. Somehow finding the energy that comes on offdays and trapping it like lighting in a bottle.

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Maryville finished as the 32nd best team in Class 2 wrestling at the state championship in Columbia last weekend.

ne medals for 'Hounds

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Maryville wrestling gained tremendous amounts of experience throughout the season,

none better than returning all six state qualifiers. Of the six wrestlers to make state, Kade Wilmes was the only to medal at the tour-

Being without coaches Kody Koster and Riley Klein due to suspensions, the 'Hounds needed to fill a void. In came former Maryville wrestling coach Joe Drake. Drake served as the interim head coach for the state tournament in Koster's absence. This was Drake's first time coaching since his retirement in 2014 after a 40-year stint with Maryville.

"I was uncertain about it, because I had not really been around these guys all season," Drake said. "I assumed things would be difficult to transition in such a short period for the wrestlers. I'm glad I decided to take the opportunity because these are a special group of guys."

The Spoofhounds started out the tournament on a slow note with five of six wrestlers dropping their first-round bouts. Connor Weiss was the lone wrestler to pick up a win in the first round. Weiss emphasized the importance of winning in the first round.

"It is really important to go out and take care of business in the first round, so you do not have to wrestle as many matches with wrestle backs," Weiss said.

Maryville was able to go into Day two of the tournament with four wrestlers still in play after wrestle backs. Junior Gaven Gray-Walker, sophomores Connor Weiss and Kade Wilmes, and freshman Drew Spire all kept their medal dreams alive. Wilmes was the only wrestler who was able to advance through the first two days of the tournament for the Spoofhounds.

Wilmes was able to come out of the tournament placing sixth as the 'Hounds only medalist at the tournament. Gray-Walker just missed a spot on the podium with a 7-0 loss to end his tournament.

"I am glad that I made it farther in the tournament this year," Wilmes said. "It was a pretty big bonus getting on the podium and bringing a medal back home."

Even with all the excitement of reaching the podium and a medal, Wilmes had much more to think about.

"At this point, all I can think about is getting back here next year and improving my overall ability on the mat," Wilmes said. "We have a lot to look forward too since we are bringing this group of guys back next year. The more we can experience out on the mat, the better."

Drake praised the ability of the wrestlers to fight through the adversity that arose and that "no-quit" mentality that every one of them brought to Columbia with them.

"Everyone should be pleased with how these guys performed this weekend," Drake said. "They went out on the mat and left everything they had there. They gave it their all, and that is all you can ask as a coach."

Maryville wrestling made big strides this past season sending six wrestlers to the state tournament.

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AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN Northwest men's basketball can clinch the MIAA regular season title with its next win or a Washburn loss.

Northwest on verge of **MIAA** title

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Entering the season, Northwest men's basketball coach Ben McCollum heard a lot about his team from those on the outside, most of which was negative.

Last spring, the Bearcats graduated much of the core from their 2017 National Championship run, including three-time MIAA Player of the Year Justin Pitts. Externally, most expected, perhaps understandably so, that the Bearcats would take a sizable step back this season.

Now, more than three-and-ahalf months after the season's opening tip-off, the No. 1 Bearcats (25-0, 15-0 MIAA) are one win away from winning their sixth-consecutive regular season MIAA title.

"It's one of those things that you've played the whole season with a chip on your shoulder because of the doubt, the external doubt," McCollum said. "(Doubters said), 'You can't do it with these kids, you can't do it with freshmen, you can't do it with younger kids, you lost too much, Justin Pitts was a great player, and you're not going to be able to do it. Your program's done without Justin."

The team heard it all, McCollum said. But in the face of adversity, McCollum and company

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Bolivar

didn't waver.

"You hear that all the time and

every day, it just remotivates you,' McCollum said. "When you walk in that gym, that chip's right back on your shoulder. That's how it's been for me all year, at least." The program that doubters said

was 'done without Justin Pitts' is 25-0 and is the top-ranked team in the nation. The Bearcats have bested the program's previous best start to a season (24-0 in 2016-17), and with a win over Central Missouri Feb. 21, Northwest would be the first team in MIAA history to win the regular season conference title six years in a row.

For Northwest, winning was always the expectation, as it has been over the last half-decade or so.

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Bearcats

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For the first time in the history of the conference, the MIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships will be held at the Carl and Cheryl Hughes Field-

With the meet on its own turf, Northwest indoor track and field sits in an advantageous position. The men's indoor team has spent the last 78 years traveling to different locations to compete in the conference meet and the women have done so for 38 years.

the year's most important meet – and as coach Brandon Masters sees it, the only meet that matters — in their own backyard. The familiarity of the fieldhouse could be paramount in the team's impending success.

just like anybody else's home-court advantage. We know the facility; we've run in the facility; we're comfortable with the facility. But more than that, we're competing in front of our friends and family at our school."

While every other team in the MIAA has to trek its way to Maryville, the Bearcats get to stay home. Masters has used this as a motivating factor in preparation for the meet.

"My quote of the week was, 'It's hard to slay a dragon in its own backyard," Masters said. "And that's no different in track and field."

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MIAA Indoor Championships Feb. 22-24 **Hughes Fieldhouse**



house in Maryville Feb. 22-24.

Now, the Bearcats to compete in

"It's huge," Masters said. "It's JACOB COOK Missourian Reporter | @jacobcook16 Maryville girls bas-

> a 62-24 victory over Central Academy was acquired in the quarterfinals Feb. 19.

Maryville (15-8) traveled to St. Pius X High School during school hours Tuesday, as weather caused the team's start time to be pushed up to 1:30 p.m. Central Academy of Excellence was an unknown team to the Spoofhounds, as they have never met before in the reg-

Coaches and players were relying on film to be able to scout the Lady Eagles of Central Academy (5-9) rather than physically play with them. Senior Emma Baldwin explained you can't rely on film itself to get a good feel for how a team plays.



Sophomore Serena Sundell leads Maryville girls basketball in effective field goal percentage with an average of 53.9 percent.

Maryville advances in districts

ketball is looking to continue its run for the Class 3 District 16 finals after

"A team doesn't look as fast

or slow on film as they do in person," Baldwin said. "You just have to look at their plays and what you

think they'll do next." From watching film, coach Quentin Albrecht was able to prepare the girls through drills in order to help them get ready for the game. He was able to see what Central Academy's strengths were as a team and was able to base Maryville's

practice off that. "We know one of their strengths is their tremendous amount of size, so we have to deal with that," Albrecht said. "They struggle a little bit in the defense transition, so we have been working on our offensive transition game and getting good looks at the basket."

Albrecht said a key factor in winning district games is the amount of focus the team brings to every game. He said his team needs to focus on playing Central Academy and its next opponent before

focusing on the district final game. The prospect of a district tournament brings with it a one-and-done format. Each game could be the Spoofhounds' last. Albrecht spoke with confidence about reaching the goal that the 'Hounds have set for

"If we are going to reach our goal of making it to the district finals and hoping to win that game and going beyond, that goal goes through Central Academy," Albrecht said.

Maryville is a young team and will face some challenges up ahead in districts after defeating Central Academy. Although the 'Hounds are young, their talent comes from being able to average 50 points per game against their opponent.

Albrecht said the team is excited and eager to play games in the district tournament as a youthful,

but talented team. 'We just have to take the experiences we have had together," Albrecht said. "The positive things that have happened and some of the negative things that have hap-

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Maryville vs Lawson 5:30 p.m. Feb. 21 St. Pius X High School

pened this year and apply them to

Maryville has not been able to reach a state playoff berth since 2009. Albrecht and sophomore guard Serena Sundell are both determined to reach the district final. Sundell commented on how great it would be for the community and for their team.

"We haven't been there in quite some time," Sundell said. "It would just show how much work we have been putting into practice and just a big step forward."

Maryville will go on to play Lawson (18-8) at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at St. Pius X High School.